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	TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If Known, see 37 CFR1.5) 10751250
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/03283	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 28, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 10, 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

Component Comprising a Masking Layer

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. [X] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. [ ] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. [ ] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. [X] The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

    a. [X] is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. [ ] has been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).

    a. [X] is attached hereto.

    b. [ ] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).

7. [ ] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))

    a. [ ] are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. [ ] have been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

    d. [ ] have not been made and will not be made.

8. [ ] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).

9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).

10. [X] An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. [X] A preliminary amendment.

14. [ ] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

15. [X] A substitute specification.

16. [ ] A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

17. [ ] A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.

18. [ ] A second copy of the published international application 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. [ ] A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. [X] Other items or information: (a) RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD; (b) A POWER OF ATTORNEY IS INCLUDED IN DECLARATION; (c) COVER PAGE OF PCT APPLICATION PCT/EP03/03283; (d) INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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21. [X] The following fees are submitted:

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Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)
nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO
and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO......................... **$1100.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to
USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO **$950.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO
but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO........................... **$790.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO
but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).............................. **$750.00**

International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO
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ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				$ 950.00
Surcharge of **$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				$
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	$
Total Claims	20 - 20 =		x **$18.00**	$
Independent claims	2 - 3 =		x **$88.00**	$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			+ **$300.00**	$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				$
[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				$
SUBTOTAL =				$ 950.00
Processing fee of **$130.00** for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				$
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00** per property +				$
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a. [ ] A check in the amount of $ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. [X] Please charge my Deposit Account No. ___19-2179___ in the amount of $ ___950.00___ to cover the above fees.
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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